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## **BY ECF**

The Honorable Dale E. Ho United States District Judge Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, New York 10007

Re: United States v. Eric Adams, 24 Cr. 556 (DEH)

Dear Judge Ho:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to update the Court about information relevant to two pending motions. The *New York Times* has now published the article anticipated by Adams's renewed leaks motion (Dkt. 83). The article states that the Government has "recently presented additional evidence to a grand jury," a "disclosure" attributed to "the mayor's defense lawyers" and "two people who were told of it." There is no indication in the article that there were Government sources for any of its information. In addition, the article quotes a statement defense counsel gave to the *Times*, expressing opinions about "the accused's guilt or innocence" and "the merits of the case." L. Crim. R. 23.1(d)(7). That statement is presumptively prejudicial, in violation of the Court's Local Rules. The Government therefore reiterates its request that the Court grant the Government's motion (Dkt. 76) and direct counsel for the parties to comply with Local Rule 23.1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See William K. Rashbaum & Dana Rubinstein, "Federal Grand Jury Has Heard More Evidence in Case Against Mayor Adams," N.Y. Times (Jan. 10, 2025), https://www.nytimes.com/2025/01/10/nyregion/eric-adams-corruption-grand-jury.html.